

## THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026

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| 8:00 - 9:15   | Registration and Coffee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 9:15 - 9:30   | <b>Welcome Address</b><br>Dalton Cox   Deswik                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 9:30 - 10:15  | <b>10 Years of RACE: Progress, Partnerships and Lessons Learned</b><br>Rob Lucas   Deswik<br>A look back at the highlights, achievements and insights that have shaped RACE over the past decade, including key developments and successes from the last two years.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | Morning Tea                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 10:45 - 11:30 | <b>What's Next for RACE?</b><br>RACE Team   Deswik<br>Discover what's ahead for the RACE suite as we continue to invest in innovation, optimisation and user experience. We'll share upcoming product enhancements, strategic investment areas, and a roadmap of capabilities designed to help rail operators plan and operate more effectively into the future.                                                                            |
| 11:30 - 12:15 | <b>Racing to North America from Australia</b><br>Jon Jensen   Deswik<br>Gain insight into the journey of introducing RACE into a new market, including key differences between Australian and North American rail operations. This session looks at market dynamics, opportunities, and lessons learned while expanding into a rapidly evolving rail landscape.                                                                             |
| 12:15 - 13:15 | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 13:15 - 14:00 | <b>State of Origin: Deploying RACE Crew in NSW</b><br>Rachel Skinner   Aurizon Operations<br>Hear a client-led case study on implementing RACE Crew in New South Wales, from initial opportunities and challenges along the way through to measurable outcomes. Learn how collaboration with Deswik supported changes to both the rostering workflows and the tools to deliver tangible operational improvements.                           |
| 14:00 - 14:45 | <b>Transforming Grain Planning in Northern NSW</b><br>Cheryl Hinchey   Pacific National<br>Grain Planning in Northern NSW is complex, and traditional approaches require high manual effort. Follow the journey of how Pacific National has transformed a complex and variable supply chain into optimisation-compatible planning inputs, and how incorporating RACE has reduced effort while improving consistency and resilience.         |
| 14:45 - 15:15 | Afternoon Tea                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 15:15 - 16:00 | <b>RACE Fireside Chat – Optimisation Opportunities in Bulk Rail</b><br>Rail Industry Partners<br>Join a panel of experienced rail industry professionals as they discuss real-world optimisation opportunities in bulk rail operations. Through guided discussion and shared experiences, this session will highlight practical strategies, challenges, and the value industrial mathematics can bring to different rail planning problems. |
| 16:00 - 16:15 | <b>Closing Address</b><br>Deswik                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 16:15 - 17:45 | <b>Networking Drinks</b><br>Join us for drinks and canapes outside on Level 12, as we toast to the conclusion of the day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 18:00 - 21:00 | <b>Conference Dinner</b><br>Join us for a night on the Brisbane River as we sail aboard one of the YOT Club fleet. Food and drinks will be provided on the boat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |